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The Examiner says there are 50,000 tourists in the State of California who are spending \$15,000,000, out of which the railroads get \$5,000,000. The spring colonist travel promises to amount to 20,000. Colonists get railway rates of \$33 from Chicago, \$27.50 from St. Louis and \$25 from Omaha.

The Monroe doctrine is pretty strong, but the new Roosevelt doctrine is stronger. It constitutes the United States the legal guardian and fiscal intervenor of all the Latin American republics. Much that is interesting on this point will be said by those countries, as well as by Europe, but we suspect that the doctrine will not be shaken by anybody's criticism.

The Governor well says that Hawaii should not place herself in the unenviable position of asking the Federal government for appropriations for military and naval purposes without contributing something to her own defense.—Star.

Hawaii does not ask for such appropriations. She doesn't have to. They come without the asking. Appropriations from the Federal Government for military and naval purposes are none of our business.

The long list of assassinations in Russia, which rounds out with the violent death of the Grand Duke Sergius, points to an internal state of things in the Czar's empire which must impel an early peace with Japan. Russia needs all her energies concentrated at home and, besides, she cannot take the domestic risk of another defeat in Manchuria. It is not surprising, therefore, that the Czar and his ministers are considering measures to terminate the war by treaty.

The weather at the mainland's semi-tropical resorts ought to turn some of the tourists this way. According to the U. S. Weather Bureau, Florida, for the closing week of January, reported as follows: Jacksonville, 17 degrees; Jupiter, 24 degrees; Tampa, 22 degrees; Pensacola, 13 degrees. "The damage," says the report of the Bureau, "was very serious, all unprotected vegetables being killed and citrus fruits over northern and central portions were frozen. Freezing conditions prevailed throughout the mainland of the State." For tourists who have turned their backs on snowy slopes in search of tropical warmth and comfort, Florida is far from inviting.

There is more or less talk about a revision of the Hawaiian tax system. Instead of having property taxed for its full value and the rate maintained at one per cent, the proposal is to increase the rate to two or more per cent and tax property one-half to two-thirds of its valuation. Several states follow the latter course, but find that it leads to dissatisfaction and discrimination. Once the principle is admitted that property is not to be assessed at its full value, the tendency is to discount unevenly, resulting in favoritism, etc. The efforts of tax reformers in the States where this system prevails are to get into the position Hawaii now occupies, with property assessed at its full value and a low rate of taxation. Where we are we had better stay. What trouble Hawaii has is due to the fact that the assessment was put at the top-notch during boom times and has not yet been brought to earth. The remedy lies with the assessors and there is nothing to warrant legislative revision, the result of which, in the absence of previous study by a commission, might easily be to raise the taxes without corresponding benefits.

During the Spanish-American War the War Department gave the preference to the regularly organized militia regiments or the members thereof in forming the army with which to fight Spain. While the regiments did not enter the United States service exactly as State organizations, they were practically the same organizations.—Star.

During the Spanish-American War the militia made a most discreditable record. Shafter did not want any militia commands and ruled out most of the applicants, his army in the Santiago campaign being composed of over 90 per cent regulars. The New York militia regiment, the 71st, which went along, disgraced itself in the field as much as did the 7th and other crack commands, which refused to serve at the front at all. Another New York regiment was billeted for the Philippines and put off here with results which the public remembers with pain. Of the other militia regiments that went to the Philippines, the generals did not keep one of them longer than they had to. They were soon sent back and a new style of volunteers, not State, but Federal, substituted. Eventually, regulars took the whole task. No professional soldier has any faith in the militia, because it has so much to un-

learn when time of stress comes. From the War of 1812 down, the record of the militia has been one of inefficiency. To assume that our First Regiment is needed to assist regulars in defending Hawaii is a joke.

PROTEST AGAINST O. & O. STEAMERS

SAN FRANCISCO, February 7.—In Federal circles yesterday there was a well defined rumor to the effect that the relations of the Occidental and Oriental Steamship Company with the Japanese military authorities in the far East are to be looked into. It was said by men who through their connection with the Federal Government ought to know, that the Russian Government has protested to this Government alleging that ships of the O. & O. line sailing from this port have carried contraband to the Japanese. The Coptic, the Gaelic and the Doric are the vessels the names of which were mentioned in this connection.

K. Ugeno, the Japanese Consul in this city, said last night: "I do not know that any one has made such a complaint. Furthermore, I do not know that the company has carried contraband."

Dispatches from Washington last night related the disavowal by the Japanese Legation of any knowledge of an investigation. Solicitor General Hoyt, into whose hands such a proceeding would come, said that he had heard nothing of the matter.

In the face of these official denials the report that a governmental investigation is about to be made, gained considerable currency and in some quarters found ready belief.

IWALANI'S VOYAGE TO FRIGATE SHOALS

When all has been said concerning the mysterious voyage of the steamer Iwalani, one possible destination has been overlooked. That is the French Frigate Shoals, where lies the wreck of the French bark Connetable de Richmond. The French Consul feels inclined to think that Messrs. Underwood and Brown of New York, who chartered the steamer Iwalani, have the salvaging of the big bark in view. The last time the wreck was visited it had careened over and was partly submerged but appeared to be lodged among the rocks in a way that might protect it from being altogether broken up. Wreckers from Honolulu have already taken much of the movable gear and rigging from the vessel.

DEATH OF H. E. WAITY.

(Continued from page 1.)
On King street, opposite the Advertiser office, was sold to the Austin estate. In May, 1895, Mr. Damon succeeded to Mr. Bishop's interest in the banking firm and a month later H. E. Waity and J. H. Fisher became partners with him. Mr. Waity first entered the bank in December, 1894. He attended the Bankers' Convention on the coast in 1903. He leaves surviving him a widow, a son, who married Miss Long and resided here for some time, and a daughter, Mrs. Brasch, wife of M. Brasch, manager of Whitney & Marsh's dry goods store on Fort street. Mr. Waity was a member of Mystic Lodge, K. of P.

Defect Found in Korea.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 8.—The same defect in construction that was discovered some months ago in one of the Pacific Mail steamers has been found in the Korea, for the past two or three days in dry dock at Hunter's Point. This is a crack in the arch supporting the stern post and rudder. It is considered nothing less than a piece of faulty construction. A crack two or three feet long has been found in the steel plate forming the arch, and to remedy the defect patches of heavy plate have been riveted on while the Korea has been in dock. Mechanics have been working night and day on the job. Another discovery made after the big liner was placed in dock was that about fifty feet of her keel forward was missing. This cannot be explained by anybody on board. The Korea is not known to have struck anything, and the loss of this section of the keel causes some surprise. But this defect, as well as that in the arch over the propeller, will have been repaired before the liner sails next Tuesday.

The date set for the departure of the Pacific Mail Company's liner Korea has been changed from February 14 to February 15, at 1 p. m. The list of passengers is large.

For a Leper Home.

WASHINGTON, February 4.—Senator Crane has introduced a bill appropriating \$250,000 for the establishment of a leprosy hospital for the segregation of lepers and to prevent the spread of the disease in the United States. It is provided that the institution shall be established on some abandoned military reservation or other suitable site owned by the United States.

Five Young Widows.

SALT LAKE, Feb. 6.—The death of Mrs. Lucy Bigelow Young recalls the fact that there are now alive but five of the widows of the late President Brigham Young, they being Mrs. Margaret Peirce Young, Mrs. Eliza Young, Mrs. Naamah Young, Mrs. Harriet B. Young and Mrs. Amelia F. Young, all of whom reside here.

WILDER SWORN IN ASSOCIATE JUSTICE

Arthur A. Wilder took the oath of office as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the Territory of Hawaii before Chief Justice W. F. Frear yesterday morning.

The ceremony was performed in open court and the Supreme Court, then fully constituted, adjourned its February session until Monday next.

Governor Carter had within an hour previously received the following telegram from the Attorney General of the United States:

"WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Carter, Honolulu. Wilder confirmed. Should qualify immediately. Commission follows. W. H. MOODY."

COMPLIMENTS THE GAZETTE COMPANY

The report of the Code Commission to the Legislature, pays, in a paragraph about the printing and binding of its work, the following handsome compliment to the Gazette Company:

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SACRAMENTO BRIBERY CASE'S LOCAL END

The expose of the four California legislators charged with having accepted bribes and whose guilt has been fairly well established through the confession of Joe Jordan, the go-between, has a Honolulu end. Clarence Grange who secured the services of Jordan to pay the money into the hands of the legislators, is the head of the Phoenix Building and Loan Association of San Francisco, which has a branch office here. Mr. Grange makes business visits to Honolulu about once a year. It develops that Grange tried the bribery method in the interests of public morality, to test the honesty of members of the legislature. Grange employed a detective named Tichenor to work with Jordan, who little suspected that his movements were being watched so carefully. Tichenor saw Jordan hand a roll of marked greenbacks to each of the four State Senators—Emmons, Bunkers, Wright and French.

Mr. Rosenberg Denies.

A story in the Bulletin last night about trouble on the waterfront accused Mr. Rosenberg of enticing men on board the Willscott. Various other charges were made, all of which Mr. Rosenberg denies in toto. He will have affidavits prepared this morning contradicting the injurious statements.

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